



PUBLIC MEETING FOR RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT- LAST CHANCE CANYON ADDITION



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The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) invites you to the second public meeting for the Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan Amendment. The purpose of this meeting is to present alternatives related to establishing appropriate land uses and preserves that will give direction to the future management and protection of the Last Chance Canyon addition. We want your input related to these alternatives for the Last Chance Canyon addition lands and their incorporation into Red Rock Canyon State Park. The General Plan team, comprised of DPR landscape architects, resource ecologists, historians, archaeologists and park staff will be present to discuss the alternatives and listen to opinions about the park's future.

The Public Resources Code mandates a General Plan for State Park units. The plan becomes the primary management document for a unit of the State Park System, establishing its purpose and management direction for the future. The plan does not provide specific designs or locations of facilities but does provide a vision for the park and guidelines for future development.

Please attend the meeting at the location indicated below:

Ridgecrest, CA

**January 18, 2003 - Saturday
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at:**

**City of Ridgecrest
City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555**

Questions and comments may
be directed to:

California Department of Parks
and Recreation
Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 220-5300

ATTN: Red Rock Canyon
General Plan Team

GUIDING POLICIES

The following policies are summarized here as a guide defining the proposed land uses for the Last Chance Addition lands. The Red Rock General Planning team will be making recommendations consistent with these as courses of action and planning alternatives are considered. More detailed information can be found at www.parks.ca.gov.

- ***SEC. 701. TRANSFER OF LANDS TO RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK.***
(California Desert Protection Act)
Upon enactment of this title, the Secretary shall transfer to the State of California certain lands within the California Desert Conservation Area, California, of the Bureau of Land Management, comprising approximately twenty thousand five hundred acres for inclusion in the State of California Park System.
- ***Public Resources Code, Sections 5019.53***
The Public Resources Code (PRC) states the purpose of any park classified as “State Park”. Summarized, the purpose is to preserve outstanding natural, scenic and cultural values and the most significant examples of such ecological regions of California as the desert and desert mountains. The section also includes a provision for improvements related to recreational activities with some restrictions.
- ***MOU between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Department of Parks and Recreation.***
Under this MOU, the Department is responsible for management of the unconveyed Desert Protection Act lands as a part of Red Rock Canyon State Park, and BLM manages the valid mining claims on this land pursuant to existing Federal mining laws and regulations. See Appendix G.
- ***Public Resources Code, Sections 5019.71***
Natural preserves consist of distinct nonmarine areas of outstanding natural or scientific significance established within the boundaries of other state park system units. The purpose of natural preserves shall be to preserve such features as rare or endangered plant and animal species and their supporting ecosystems, representative examples of plant or animal communities existing in California prior to the impact of civilization, geological features illustrative of geological processes, significant fossil occurrences or geological features of cultural or economic interest, or topographic features illustrative of representative or unique biogeographical patterns. Areas set aside as natural preserves shall be of sufficient size to allow, where possible, the natural dynamics of ecological interaction to continue without interference, and to provide, in all cases, a practicable management unit. Habitat manipulation shall be permitted only in those areas found by scientific analysis to require manipulation to preserve the species or associations that constitute the basis for the establishment of the natural preserve.
- ***Public Resources Code, Sections 5019.74***
Cultural preserves consist of distinct nonmarine areas of outstanding cultural interest established within the boundaries of other state park system units for the purpose of protecting such features as sites, buildings, or zones, which represent significant places or events in the flow of human experience in California. Areas set aside as cultural preserves shall be large enough to provide for the effective protection of the prime cultural resources from potentially damaging influences, and to permit the effective management and interpretation of the resources. Within cultural preserves, complete integrity of the cultural resources shall be sought, and no structures or improvements that conflict with that integrity shall be permitted.